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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
 ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
 PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
 Friday March 10, 2023 @ 7 PM**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION

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Committee members:

1-*Glenn Bailey: Co-Chair, 2-*Pat Bates: Co-Chair 3-Katie Bull 4-Amy Zidell 5-Marianne Davis 6-*Daniel Glaser

Alternate Committee Members:

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

1. **Call to Order**, Start recording. Roll call, determination of quorum, selection of voting and Alternate Parks and Environment Committee Members, Selection of Secretary for the meeting.
NOTE: Per the ENC Bylaws, all Representatives and Alternate Representatives must be current on all required trainings in order to vote or make or second motions.
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve draft Parks and Environment Committee Minutes of the January 16, 2023 [Meeting](#).
3. **Report/Presentation from any Agencies/Organizations present:**
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction – Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair’s discretion. Public calling in, please press *9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those that are using the Zoom Webinar please use the raise your hand feature to speak. Public comment on agenda items will be heard when the item is up for discussion.
5. **Old & New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action: [Council File 22-1547](#): Designation of the Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) as the official tree of the City of Los Angeles: Possible motion:** The Coast Live Oak is inarguably the dominant overstory tree of most if not all of the area comprising the City of Los Angeles. These magnificent trees may live over 250 years, are drought and fire-resistant and provide extraordinary amounts of habitat for native species. Among these are the California Sister, Propertius Duskywing, Mournful Duskywing, Golden Hairstreak, and Gold-Hunter’s Hairstreak. The Coast Live Oaks helped sustain the Tongva and Chumash people for thousands of years. They were here to greet Spanish settlers, and were given the name “Encino”. For these and so many more reasons, the ENC enthusiastically endorses designation of the Coast Live Oak as the Official Tree of the City of Los Angeles and urges the City Council’s prompt approval and authorizes the filing of a Community Impact Statement.
 - B. **Discussion and possible action: [Council file 23-0167](#):** Possible motion: The ENC Parks/Environment Committee recommends the ENC file a CIS supporting CF 23-0167 relative to directing the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Urban Forestry Division and the City Forest Officer, to report back on sustainable solutions and best practices to sidewalk

repairs, implemented by other cities, that preserve our City's mature street trees, while ensuring safe sidewalks

- C. Discussion and possible action:** The Board of Water and Power Commissioners have approved a [revised Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) with Neighborhood Councils for an additional five years. Motion to recommend that the Encino NC approve the MOU and appoint/ratify its Representative and Alternate to the DWP/NC MOU Oversight Committee.
- D. Discussion and possible action:** Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan (the Plan) [see Council Files [20-1205](#) and [20-1205-S1](#)]: The Sepulveda Basin (Basin) is a multi-jurisdictional area, the Plan actually is only effective for areas leased by the City of Los Angeles (the City).
1. A major factor affecting what people may or may not want in the Plan is the terms of the Lease between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City. The current Recreation and Parks Department (RAP) lease runs through 2042, it must be renewed or extended to allow for major funding of infrastructure projects. As a part of evaluating any Plan projects, it is essential that the entire community be briefed on what potential uses are being included in the lease negotiations and such information be provided to the ENC.
 2. Regarding Item 5C.1. above - there are projects in various stages of development, funding coming from various sources, in the Basin (for example, see 5F.2 below). It is essential that the entire community be briefed on what these projects are, who is proposing them, their stages of development, and where funding is coming from, likely timeframe for implementation. Further, for each project, the community outreach procedures which have been used, and the results thereof, should be described and such information be conveyed to the ENC.
 3. The City has historically been out of compliance with provisions of the Lease regarding Environmentally Sensitive Areas. What is the plan, going forward, to provide adequate enforcement and patrols in the Basin?
 4. There has been inadequate maintenance of parkways and medians throughout the Basin. Does the Plan anticipate any improvement in this policy of neglect?
 5. The USACE has indicated it will begin updating its Sepulveda Basin Master Plan in 2025 and will consider the City's Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan recommendations.
 6. [Council File 23-0105](#) Motion (Raman - Blumenfield - Soto-Martinez) relative to directing the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Sanitation Biodiversity Team, Department of Transportation, and any other City departments, to update the scope of work and budget, as needed, for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Project as described and as further directed in this Motion.
- E. Discussion and possible action:** [Council File 22-0247](#): Also see [Bureau of Engineering Project Information Report](#). Los Angeles River Valley Bikeway and Greenway / Vanalden Avenue / Balboa Boulevard / Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Certification. The process for obtaining public input on this project is deficient. There is no indication that the Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park was contacted for comment. The Encino community, which encompasses the area along the Los Angeles River from Lindley Avenue through the Sepulveda Dam, was not adequately notified in this process by the City Council or the Department of Recreation and Parks. Councilmember Blumenfield's District ends ½ mile west of White Oak Avenue, and former Councilmember Nury Martinez apparently had little interest in

representing the area including the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park: The LA City Department of Recreation and Parks website indicates this dog park is in [CD 12](#) - which is at least 12 years out of date. Consider a possible motion to request the City Council approval be vacated and that alternative proposals, such as relocating the bicycle path along the south side of the Los Angeles River east of White Oak Avenue, be prepared.

- F. Discussion and possible action:** There have been serious issues in Woodley Park associated with kite flying. These are large kites tethered to hundreds of yards of abrasive line. There are dangers from the kites and line to people and wildlife, as well as hazards resulting from thousands of yards of abrasive kite line being left throughout the wildlife areas. The kites are being flown in close proximity to active raptor nests. To address these issues, the ENC recommends that a modification (in bold) be made to LAMC §63.44.B.8. as follows:

*No person shall land, release, take off or fly any balloon, except children toy balloons not inflated with any flammable material, helicopter, **kite**, parakite, hang glider, aircraft or powered models thereof, except in areas specifically set aside therefor.*

G. Discussion and possible motion regarding Proposition K:

1. Valley Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (RVNOC) - Following the 2021 redistricting which resulted in Council District 4 becoming a majority Valley District, the City failed to then reallocate RVNOC seats accordingly. Therefore Valley residents in Council District 4 (Encino, Reseda, Sherman Oaks and Studio City) have had no representation on the Valley RVNOC. MOTION: The ENC recommends that the City Council immediately amend the Proposition K Regional Volunteer Oversight Committee ordinance to provide at least one, if not two, Council District 4 seats on the Valley RVNOC.
2. Proposition K L.A. For Kids Program projects within the boundaries of the Encino NC proposed for partial funding during Fiscal Year 2022-23:
 - a) [Construction of new aquatic facility](#) (splash pond/swimming pool); location has been reported as being just east of the Department of Recreation and Parks Valley Regional Headquarters (the overflow parking area) - \$3,000,000 available. (Project ID R2)
 - b) Hjelte Field: construct new athletic fields, lighting and parking - \$1,000,000 (Project ID R30) Not listed as an active BOE project.
 - c) [Los Angeles Riverfront Park](#) - Phase III Design (Balboa to LA River Orange Line Crossing
 - d) [Sepulveda Basin Lake Balboa Park](#) (Proposition K Project ID #R31) to include complete design and engineering of a new irrigation system for the entire 67-acre site, and complete construction to install a new irrigation system for an area of up to 11 acres, based on a total Proposition K funding authority of \$2,506,534. Approved by L.A. for Kids Steering Committee on 1/27/22.

- H. Discussion and possible action:** Pat Bates is the (non-voting) Representative of the Encino NC to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee and the Alternate position is currently vacant. MOTION: To recommend that Glenn Bailey be appointed as the Encino NC Alternate on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee.

- I. **Sepulveda Basin Controlled Burns:** Can we revisit this request? Alternatively, consider the use of goats for fuel reduction and any update from the LA Fire Department and/or the Department of Recreation and Parks.

6. Informational Items/Reports/Updates

- A. Weed & Clean Update
- B. Los Encinos State Historic Park update - Amy Zidell
- C. Encino Park and Encino Community Center update
- D. Sepulveda Basin update (NOTE: Those portions of the Sepulveda Basin located south of Victory Boulevard, west of the 405 Freeway and east of White Oak Avenue are located within the certified boundaries of the Encino NC.)
- E. Water: LADWP rebates, drought, water use restrictions
- F. Announcement: Beyond Plastics February Workshops: [free, virtual, 2-part grassroots organizing training](#) in May 2023 to learn practical, powerful ways to reduce plastic pollution and engage your larger community in this important work.
- G. NC Sustainability Alliance - currently meets virtually second Sundays, 6:30 pm and has four active committees. [Website](#)
- H. Cool Blocks LA leaders are now being recruited and trained. [Webpage](#)
- I. Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study (LA100) issued by the U.S. Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory - [Executive Summary](#); Full report - [12 chapters](#)
- J. 2020 Biodiversity Report - Council File [15-0499](#) - report adopted by City Council on August 18, 2021
- K. LA County Parks Needs Assessment 2021 Regional and Rural Edition - recommendations regarding the Sepulveda Basin and possibly other parks located with the ENC. [Website](#)
- L. LA City 2021 Draft [List of Tree Species](#) for Public Right of Way. [City Plants](#) list with planting guide. TreePeople [list](#) and ratings.

7. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda

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